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**From:** McGuire, James [McGuire.James@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/25/2021 2:03:24 AM  
**To:** Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Smith, Suzanne [Smith.Suzanne@epa.gov]; Welton, Patricia [Welton.Patricia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

David-

Got it and will do.

Tricia and Suzanne, let's discuss tomorrow if there are any EOs assigned to ORC that need staffing and begin identifying our portions of the requested plan.

Thanks,

James McGuire  
Regional Counsel, EPA Region 6

On Jan 24, 2021, at 1:57 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

All – We are beginning to receive several assignments pursuant to the President's executive orders. Please read the attached email from our new CoS regarding several near-term deadlines. By way of this email, I am making SES sub-assignments for each of the identified Executive Orders. Please let me know immediately if any of these are incorrect and need to be reassigned to another SES director. Each assignee will be responsible for reviewing, consulting, compiling, briefing and tracking the Region 6 effort for me. Thank you for your continued support.

David

**From:** Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:08 PM

**TO:** Current and Acting EPA Leadership  
**FR:** Dan Utech, Chief of Staff  
**RE:** Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

This past week, President Biden issued a set of Executive Orders, several of which require EPA to take action with urgent deadlines. Many of you likely have already read and started developing implementation plans for the components of the orders relevant to your programs and offices. To ensure that we stay on pace agencywide to meet our obligations, I ask that each office review the following and develop a plan to meet the urgent and longer-term deadlines.

**URGENT DEADLINES**

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis [DAVID GARCIA]

This EO requires EPA to “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (agency actions) promulgated, issued, or adopted between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, that are or may be inconsistent with, or present obstacles to, the policy set forth in section 1 of this order. For any such actions identified by the agencies, the heads of agencies shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider suspending, revising, or rescinding the agency actions.” **Within 30 days, EPA must submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget a preliminary list of any actions being considered that would be completed by December 31, 2021, and that would be subject to OMB review.** With this thirty-day deadline in mind, please note the following milestones:

**Internal Deadlines**

**February 5:** Programs/Offices provide draft lists to Office of Policy

**February 12:** Final lists due to Office of Policy

**February 19:** EPA List submitted to OMB

To assist in the development of lists of agency actions, the Office of Policy will distribute an initial list during the week of January 25.

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing [JAMES MCDONALD]

**January 27, 2021:** Administrator must report on progress of implementation of mask mandate and COVID protocols across EPA campuses.

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND MEMOS FOR REVIEW**

Please review the following and develop a plan for meeting the given deadlines and completing the tasks in your purview. Additional details on process and timelines will follow.

MEMO: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review [JAMES MCGUIRE]

MEMO: Modernizing Regulatory Review [CHARLES MAGUIRE]

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis [DAVID GARCIA]

Executive Order on Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation [JAMES MCGUIRE]

Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel [JAMES MCGUIRE]

Executive Order on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats [WREN STENGER]

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic [JAMES MCDONALD]